

D-branes, obstructed curves, and minimal model superpotentials

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In this short note we apply methods of Aspinwall-Katz to compute superpotentials of D-branes wrapped on more general obstructed rational curves in Calabi-Yau threefolds. We find an a priori unexpected match between superpotentials from certain such curves and the superpotentials of Landau-Ginzburg models corresponding to minimal models.

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1 Introduction

The application of derived categories to D-branes in physics, originally described in [1] and later popularized in [2] (see [3] for a review), has proven to be a very important technical tool in mathematical string theory. This program has yielded results ranging from new notions of stability [4, 5] to, most recently, the construction of CFT's for Kontsevich's nc spaces [6], which are defined in terms of their sheaf theory.

Part of the reason that the derived categories program has been so useful is that in principle it gives a complete understanding of the off-shell states in the open string B model, meaning that in principle not only can one directly compute all massless spectra of open strings, but also all correlation functions between massless states.

The first direct computation of massless spectra of open strings between D-branes on subvarieties of the target space appeared in [7], where, after taking into account the Minasian-

Moore-Freed-Witten anomaly [8, 9] and the open string B model anomaly, it was shown, for example, that the worldsheet CFT computation realizes a spectral sequence.

Ideally, one would like to next directly compute couplings from those massless spectrum computations. In the case of the closed string B model, this is fairly trivial, but in the open string B model, this is rather more complicated. We shall outline a direct computation of massless spectra of open strings beginning and ending on a D-brane wrapped on an obstructed curve in section 2, and as we shall see there, the computation implies a connection between curvatures of Riemannian metrics and obstructions in deformation theory which we have not yet been able to verify.

However, there are other approaches to such problems. The point of the derived-categories-in-physics program [1, 2, 3] is that derived categories classify universality classes of open string boundary states, so, computations that are difficult with some representatives may be replaced with other computations involving different representatives of the same universality class. By replacing D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves with brane/antibrane systems in the same universality class, with each brane and antibrane covering the entire space, one gets a much more nearly straightforward computation. This method was used in [10] to describe how to compute all couplings between open string B model states, reproducing the full A_∞ algebra structure of open string field theory [11].

Of course, the drawback of this method is the same intrinsic to all work in the derived-categories-in-physics program: we do not know for certain that physical universality classes really do coincide with equivalence classes in the derived category. Numerous tests of this conjecture have been performed by various authors, so it is widely believed to be true, but as a matter of principle, there is a fundamental issue here. (There is an analogous issue that arises when discussing stacks in physics [12, 13, 14, 15]. There, the issue is that a given stack has several different presentations which can be very different QFT's; the relevant conjecture is that universality classes are classified by stacks. This, also, has now been checked in numerous different ways.) See [16] for an overview of such connections between universality classes in physics and mathematical equivalences.

In section 3 we shall use the methods of [10] to compute couplings / superpotential terms from D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves appearing in small resolutions, the same issue which we attempted via a direct computation in section 2. Curiously, we will find that D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves in ADE-type three-folds possess the same superpotentials as ADE-type minimal models. To be precise, recall that minimal models in two-dimensional CFT's have Landau-Ginzburg descriptions with an ADE classification, summarized in the table below [17]:

Algebra	Superpotential
$A_n, n \geq 1$	x^{n+1}
$D_n, n \geq 1$	$x^{n-1} + xy^2$
E_6	$x^3 + y^4$
E_7	$x^3 + xy^3$
E_8	$x^3 + y^5$

These superpotentials will be reproduced by D-branes wrapped on obstructed \mathbf{P}^1 's in Calabi-Yau threefolds. In such cases, the normal bundle will have one of the following three forms:

- $\mathcal{O}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(-1)$
- $\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-2)$
- $\mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(-3)$

The first case has no infinitesimal deformations, and so is uninteresting for our purposes in this paper. The second case has a single (obstructed) infinitesimal deformation, and this case will give rise to superpotentials of the A_n form, where the field x corresponds to that one infinitesimal deformation. The third case has two (obstructed) infinitesimal deformations, and this case will give the D_n and E_n series, with the x and y fields corresponding to those two infinitesimal deformations. See for example [18, 19] for more information on these geometries, which are small resolutions of singular Calabi-Yau threefolds.

Superpotentials for D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves have been of interest in many other places in the physics literature. For example, such wrapped D-branes made an appearance in [20], where they were used to motivate a gauge theory having an adjoint-valued field ϕ with a ϕ^n -type superpotential¹.

Related work has appeared in [22, 23], where given superpotentials of the form we consider, corresponding singular Calabi-Yau threefolds were constructed. In essence, that work considered the problem inverse to that in this paper, by constructing geometry from superpotentials instead of superpotentials from geometry.

2 Outline of a direct computation

So that the reader will better appreciate the computational efficiency of the derived categories program and the methods of [10], in this section we will outline how one could attempt a

¹The superpotential was checked indirectly in [21, section 2.2] using a dimensionally-reduced holomorphic Chern-Simons theory (implicitly assuming the dimensional reduction of the open string field theory on the total space coincides with open string field theory of D-branes on a submanifold). However, a direct derivation in open string CFT was not given in that paper.

direct physical computation of superpotentials from D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves. This section will closely² follow [3][section 11.1].

We shall consider a single D-brane wrapped on an obstructed \mathbf{P}^1 , which is to say, a \mathbf{P}^1 which admits an infinitesimal deformation, but whose deformation is obstructed at some order.

We shall assume that the gauge bundle on the D-brane is trivial, so the boundary conditions on worldsheet fields take a simple form. Furthermore, the restriction of the tangent bundle of the Calabi-Yau to the \mathbf{P}^1 does split holomorphically. Thus, neither of the usual subtleties associated with open string computations is relevant here.

The normal bundle to the \mathbf{P}^1 is $\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-2)$. Since the normal bundle admits a holomorphic section, $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1})$ is one-dimensional. For ‘generic’ obstructions (*i.e.* of order 3), the Yoneda pairing

$$\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}) \times \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1})$$

is nonzero, and the obstruction is characterized by the image in Ext^2 . For (nongeneric) obstructions of higher order, the Yoneda pairing will vanish, but a higher-order computation will be nonvanishing.

Already at the level of vertex operators we can begin to see some of the complications involved in realizing the Yoneda pairing. In the present example, both Ext^1 and Ext^2 above are one-dimensional. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}) &= H^0(\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}^1/X}) = \mathbb{C} \\ \text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}) &= H^1(\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{P}^1/X}) = \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

From our earlier description of vertex operators, and the fact that the only holomorphic section of \mathcal{O} is the constant section, we see that the elements of Ext^1 are described by the vertex operator θ (associated to the \mathcal{O} factor in the normal bundle), and elements of Ext^2 are described by the vertex operator $\eta\theta$. If the Yoneda pairing in this case were as trivial as just a wedge product, then the image in Ext^2 would just be a product of θ ’s – but by the Grassman property, such a product vanishes. Instead, in a case in which the Yoneda pairing is nontrivial, the image in Ext^2 is $\eta\theta$ instead of $\theta\theta$ – so the operator product must necessarily involve some sort of interaction term that has the effect of changing a θ into an η .

The fact that the normal bundle has this form might confuse the reader – after all, the \mathbf{P}^1 is supposed to be obstructed, and yet there is a one-parameter-family of rational curves inside the normal bundle containing the \mathbf{P}^1 . The solution to this puzzle gives another reason why the Yoneda pairing computation in this case is extremely difficult. Unlike differential geometry, where normal bundles capture local geometry, in algebraic geometry the normal

²We would like to thank E. Sharpe for giving us permission to reproduce his argument here.

bundle need *not* encode the local holomorphic structure, only the local smooth structure. In the present case, local coordinates in a neighborhood of the obstructed \mathbf{P}^1 can be described as follows. Let one coordinate patch on a holomorphic neighborhood have coordinates (x, y_1, y_2) , and the other coordinate patch on a holomorphic neighborhood have coordinates (w, z_1, z_2) , where

$$\begin{aligned} w &= x^{-1} \\ z_1 &= x^2 y_1 + x y_2^n \\ z_2 &= y_2 \end{aligned}$$

The integer n is the degree of the obstruction, the coordinates x, w are coordinates on the \mathbf{P}^1 , $z_2 = y_2$ is a coordinate on the \mathcal{O} factor on the normal bundle, and z_1, y_1 morally would be coordinates on the $\mathcal{O}(-2)$ factor, except that the coordinate transformation is *not* that of $\mathcal{O}(-2)$ – it’s complicated by the $x y_2^n$ term, which means that this local holomorphic neighborhood is not equivalent to the normal bundle. The normal bundle is only a linearized approximation to local holomorphic coordinates. Unfortunately, data concerning the degree of the obstruction (*i.e.* the ‘extra’ term in the expression for z_1) is omitted by the linearization that gives rise to the normal bundle.

Thus, in order to see the obstruction, we need more data than the normal bundle itself provides. In order to recover the obstruction, the BCFT calculation corresponding to the Yoneda pairing must have some nonlocal component.

So, already before trying to set up the physics calculation, we see two features that the result must have:

- The calculation must take advantage of some interaction term in the worldsheet action – the result is not just a wedge product, unlike the closed string B model bulk-bulk OPE’s.
- The calculation must give a result that is somehow nonlocal.

Next, let us perform the calculation. In principle, for a generic (order 3) obstruction, the following three-point correlation function should vanish:

$$< \theta(\tau_1) \theta(\tau_2) \theta(\tau_3) >$$

involving vertex operators for three copies of the element of Ext^1 inserted at various places along the boundary. This correlation function should encode the Yoneda pairing, as outlined earlier.

Now, in topological field theories, correlation functions should reduce to zero modes. In the present case, there is one η zero mode and two θ zero modes, yet here we have three θ ’s. The only way to get a nonzero result is to use some interaction terms.

Put another way, this correlation function should encode three copies of the Yoneda pairing – one for each pair of θ 's. In principle, each boundary-boundary OPE should take two θ 's and generate a $\eta\theta$ term, so that the result is a correlation function involving one η and two θ 's, perfect to match the available zero modes. However, in order for the OPE to operate in this fashion, we shall need some sort of interaction term.

Ordinarily one available interaction term would be the boundary interaction

$$\int_{\partial\Sigma} F_{i\bar{j}} \rho^i \eta^{\bar{j}}$$

We could contract the ρ on one of the θ 's, leaving us with two θ 's and one η , perfect to match the available zero modes. The $\rho - \theta$ contraction would generate a propagator factor proportional to $1/z$, and the boundary integral would give a scale-invariant result. The obvious log divergence can be handled by regularizing the propagator, as discussed in [24], leaving a factor of an inverted laplacian.

In the present case, the curvature of the Chan-Paton factors can be assumed to be trivial, so there is no such available interaction term, but the general idea is on the right track.

The only available interaction term is the bulk four-fermi term:

$$\int_{\Sigma} R_{\bar{a}j\bar{j}} \rho^i \rho^j \eta^{\bar{i}} g^{\bar{j}k} \theta_k$$

We could contract the two ρ 's on two of the three θ 's, leaving us with a total of two θ 's (one from the interaction term, plus one of the original correlators) and one η , exactly as needed to match the available zero modes. Each $\rho - \theta$ contraction would generate a propagator factor proportional to $1/z$, which would be cancelled by the integral over the bulk of the disk. Boundary divergences can be handled by regularizing the propagators, leaving us with factors of inverted laplacians.

Thus, we see the structure that we predicted earlier – the correlation function is nonvanishing thanks to an interaction term, and we have nonlocal effects due to the presence of inverted laplacians.

What remains is to check that the resulting expression really does correctly calculate the Yoneda pairing, which has not yet been completed.

3 Application of Aspinwall-Katz's methods

In this section we will explicitly describe some examples of superpotentials from wrapped branes using the methods of Aspinwall-Katz [10]. As anticipated elsewhere, the resulting superpotentials have the same form as in minimal models, yielding another connection between geometry and physics.

The wrapped D-brane superpotentials are determined by an A_∞ structure. Following [10], the basic idea is that we will compute the A_∞ structure encoded in D-brane superpotentials by replacing the original sheaves modelling the wrapped D-branes with a different representative in the derived category, one for which A_∞ computations are much easier, then compute the A_∞ structures using those alternate representatives. In particular, this computation is much easier and far more general than the attempted computation in the previous section. This also shows how the application of derived categories to physics yields powerful technical tools.

In more detail, we are going to compute the A_∞ structure as follows. First, replace each object in the derived category with a quasi-isomorphic complex of injective sheaves. We may view this as an injective resolution of these objects. Suppose for simplicity that we have only one D-brane \mathcal{E}^\bullet . Then the complex of interest is with entries $\oplus_p \text{Hom}(\mathcal{E}^p, \mathcal{E}^{p+n})$. If we denote an element of this group by $\sum_p f_{n,p}$, then the differential for this complex is given by $\partial_n f_{n,p} = d_{p+n} \circ f_{n,p} - (-1)^n f_{p+1,n} \circ d_p$ (cf. [10, Equation (66)]). The composition gives this complex a dga structure. But now by a Theorem of Kadeishvili [25] there is an A_∞ structure on the cohomology of this complex with differential zero (minimal) and an A_∞ -morphism such that the first level is a chosen embedding of the cohomology in the complex. In our case this embedding will be very natural. This A_∞ structure is not unique but it is unique up to A_∞ -isomorphism³ so it will give us the same superpotential.

3.1 The A_n case

The simplest case of an obstructed \mathbf{P}^1 is discussed in [10]. In this example, the normal bundle to a \mathbf{P}^1 in a Calabi-Yau threefold is $\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-2)$, but the complex structure is not the one inherited from the normal bundle, but rather is described by the transition functions

$$\begin{aligned} w &= x^{-1} \\ z_1 &= x^2 y_1 + x y_2^n \\ z_2 &= y_2 \end{aligned}$$

as discussed earlier.

We have already seen that a direct computation of the superpotential is very difficult, but [10] quickly show that $W = x^{n+1}$, which nicely corresponds to a Landau-Ginzburg minimal model superpotential.

³In general, it does not seem that all A_∞ isomorphisms preserve the kinetic terms of the field theory, so, strictly speaking, we are only interested in a subset of all A_∞ isomorphisms. In addition, there is an issue that to describe a superpotential, the A_∞ structure must have a cyclic structure, corresponding to rotations of open string disk diagrams. This was not explicitly addressed in [10], and in any event will be irrelevant for us, as we naturally find A_∞ structures of this form.

More general cases of obstructed curves were not worked out in [10], though their methods certainly apply; we compute them below.

3.2 The D_{n+2} case

Next, we will consider the total space X of an obstructed bundle over a curve $C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ with normal bundle $\mathcal{O}_C(-3) \oplus \mathcal{O}_C(1)$. In terms of transition function on two open affine charts with coordinates say (x, y_1, y_2) and (w, z_1, z_2) X can be described by

$$z_1 = x^3 y_1 + y_2^2 + x^2 y_2^k \quad (1)$$

$$z_2 = x^{-1} y_2 \quad (2)$$

$$w = x^{-1} \quad (3)$$

Let $\pi : X \rightarrow C$ be the bundle map and denote with $\mathcal{O}(1) = \pi^* \mathcal{O}_C(1)$. We will use the methods of [10] to compute the resulting superpotential.

Thus we need a locally free resolution of the sheaf \mathcal{O}_C . One such resolution is given by the complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{O}(-n-2) & & \mathcal{O}(-n+1) & & \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ \mathcal{O}(-n-5) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -x^3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-n-2) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x^3 & y_2 & 0 \\ s' & -y_1 & z_1 \\ -1 & 0 & -y_2 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-1) & \xrightarrow{(y_1 \ y_2 \ z_1)} & \mathcal{O}, \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ & & \mathcal{O}(-1) & & \mathcal{O} & & \end{array}$$

where

$$s' = y_2 + x^2 y_2^{n-1}.$$

The maps are given in the first chart (the one given by (x, y_1, y_2)). By z_1 we mean the section of \mathcal{O} which in the first chart is given by $x^3 y_1 + y_2^2 + x^2 y_2^n$. We are considering y_1 as a section of $\mathcal{O}(n-1)$ and this can be done since

$$x^{-n+1} y_1 = x^{-n-2} z_1 + x^{-n-2} y_2^2 + x^{-n} y_2^n \quad (4)$$

$$= w^{n+2} z_1 + w^{n+2} z_2^2 + z_2^n. \quad (5)$$

In a similar way y_2 as a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ over the first chart and s' is a section of $\mathcal{O}(n+1)$. Let us also define $s = 1 + x^2 y_2^{n-2}$.

To simplify notation we will name the sheaves of the above resolution \mathcal{F}_i , $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ so that that the resolution now is given by

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow 0$$

Corresponding to a class in

$$C^0(U, Hom^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C))$$

let x be the following generator of $Ext^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 1 \ 0) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and let $y =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ -xs & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ x \ 0) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

First of all let us compute $x \star x =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (-s \ 0 \ 0) & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

At this point we will simply define some auxiliary elements that will be useful in the derivation of the A_∞ -structure.

Let $J =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 0 \ 1) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Note that $dJ =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (-1 \ 0 \ 0) & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and we have the important commutation relation, namely

$$J \star x + x \star J = 0.$$

For $p = 0, \dots, n+1$ set $K_p =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x^2 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and compute that for $p = 1, \dots, n$ the differential $dK_{p-1} =: F_p$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -x^2 y_2^p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -x^2 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

We have the following relations:

$$K_p \star x + x \star K_p = F_p$$

$$K_j \star K_i = 0$$

Observe that

$$x \star x = d(J + K_{n-3})$$

This is enough to compute m_2 by using

$$im_2(x, x) = i(x \star x) + df_2(x, x)$$

and so using what we have computed for $x \star x$ we have

$$im_2(x, x) = d(J + K_{n-3}) + df_2(x, x)$$

So that

$$m_2(x, x) = 0, \quad f_2(x, x) = -(J + K_{n-3}).$$

Using the next A_∞ -morphism relation we have

$$im_3(x, x, x) = f_2(x \otimes m_2(x, x)) - f_2(m_2(x, x) \otimes x) + x \star f_2(x, x) - f_2(x, x) \star x + df_2.$$

But this is

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -x \star (J + K_{n-3}) - (J + K_{n-3}) \star x + df_3$$

or

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -F_{n-3} + df_3 = -dK_{n-4} + df_3(x, x, x).$$

So that $m_3(x, x, x) = 0$ and $f_3(x, x, x) = K_{n-4}$.

Proceeding like this we see that $m_l(x, \dots, x) = 0$ and $f_i = (-1)^{\frac{l(l-1)}{2}} K_{n-l-1}$ for $2 \leq l < n$. Also

$$m_n(x, \dots, x) = -(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} F_0.$$

But $x \star F_0$ is a generator of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$. So in the superpotential we have a term equal to $-(-1)^{\frac{l(l-1)}{2}} x^{n+1}$. Notice that $x \star x$ is exact and y is closed so that $x \star x \star y$ is also exact. On the other hand $y \star y \star y$ is given by

This implies that $m_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = -F_0$ and $f_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = 0$ since F_0 is not exact. Notice that $\mathbf{x} \star m_3(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \star F_0 = F_0 \star \mathbf{x}$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & \downarrow & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & \end{array}$$

$\downarrow x^3 + x^5 y_2^{n-2}$

which is the differential of

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} x^5 y_2^{n-3} & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & \end{array}$$

It is easy to check that $\mathbf{y} \star \mathbf{y} \star \mathbf{x}$ generates $\text{Ext}^3(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$ so that in the superpotential we have a term of the type xy^2 . One can see immediately that all the higher products vanish so that the superpotential is

$$W(x, y) = -(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} x^{n+1} + xy^2.$$

3.3 The E_7 case.

Let us examine the E_7 case before the E_6 and E_8 cases, as it is slightly more complicated, so once we understand E_7 , the remaining two cases will be comparatively easy.

The transition functions for the two affine charts (x, y_1, y_2) and (w, z_1, z_2) are now

$$z_1 = x^3 y_1 + x y_2^3 + x^{-1} y_2^2 \quad (6)$$

$$z_2 = x^{-1} y_2 \quad (7)$$

$$w = x^{-1} \quad (8)$$

Proceeding as before we consider a resolution of \mathcal{O}_C , for example

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{O}(-5) & & \mathcal{O}(-1) & & \\ & & \oplus & \begin{pmatrix} x^4 & y_2 & 0 \\ s' & -y_1 & t \\ -1 & 0 & -y_2 \end{pmatrix} & \oplus & & \\ \mathcal{O}(-6) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -x^4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-2) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x^4 & y_2 & 0 \\ s' & -y_1 & t \\ -1 & 0 & -y_2 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-1) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & t \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O} \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ & & \mathcal{O}(-2) & & \mathcal{O}(-1) & & \end{array}$$

where we have defined

$$t = x^4 y_1 + x^2 y_2^3 + y_2^2,$$

considered as a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and

$$s' = y_2 + x^2 y_2^2,$$

considered as a section of $\mathcal{O}(4)$. Also y_1 and y_2 here are considered sections of $\mathcal{O}(1)$. To simplify notations let us call the sheaves of the above resolution \mathcal{F}_i so that we have

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow 0$$

Corresponding to a class in

$$C^0(U, \text{Hom}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C))$$

let x be the following generator of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0, \end{array}$$

where $s = 1 + x^2 y_2$. Define another generator y of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ -xs & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let us compute $x \star x =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -s & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let $J =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Note that $dJ =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and we have this important commutation relation, namely

$$J \star x + x \star J = 0.$$

For $p = 0, 1$ we set $K_p =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x^2 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and compute $dK_{p-1} =: F_p$ to be

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -x^2 y_2^p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -x^2 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let us write down the last few relations that we need to compute the A_∞ -structure.

$$\begin{aligned} K_p \star x + x \star K_p &= F_p \\ K_j \star K_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, first we have

$$\begin{aligned} x \star x &= dJ + F_1 = d(J + K_0) \\ im_2(x, x) &= i(x \star x) + df_2(x, x) \end{aligned}$$

and using [10] we have

$$im_2(x, x) = d(J + K_0) + df_2(x, x)$$

So that

$$m_2(x, x) = 0, \quad f_2(x, x) = -(J + K_0).$$

Using the next A_∞ -morphism relation we have

$$im_3(x, x, x) = f_2(x \otimes m_2(x, x)) - f_2(m_2(x, x) \otimes x) + x \star f_2(x, x) - f_2(x, x) \star x + df_2$$

But this is

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -x \star (J + K_0) - (J + K_0) \star x + df_3$$

or

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -F_0 + df_3.$$

This implies that $m_3(x, x, x) = -F_0$ and $f_3(x, x, x) = 0$ since F_0 is not exact. Notice that $x \star m_3(x, x, x) = x \star F_0 = F_0 \star x$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & \downarrow x^2 & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & \end{array}$$

which is the differential of

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 0 \ -x^2) & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & \end{array}$$

It is easy to check that $y \star F_0$ generates $\text{Ext}^3(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$ so that in the superpotential we have a term of the type yx^3 . Also if we compute $y \star y \star y$ we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & \downarrow x^3 s & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & \end{array}$$

which also generates so we have a term of the type y^3 . One can see immediately that all the higher products vanish.

3.4 The E_6 case.

We proceed with the E_6 case. The change of coordinates is given by

$$z_1 = x^3 y_1 + x^2 y_2^3 + x^{-1} y_2^2 \quad (9)$$

$$z_2 = x^{-1} y_2 \quad (10)$$

$$w = x^{-1} \quad (11)$$

The resolution of \mathcal{O}_C is:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{O}(-6) & & \mathcal{O}(-2) & & \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ \mathcal{O}(-7) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -x^4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-2) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x^4 & y_2 & 0 \\ s' & -y_1 & t \\ -1 & 0 & -y_2 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-1) & \xrightarrow{(y_1 \ y_2 \ t)} & \mathcal{O} \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ & & \mathcal{O}(-2) & & \mathcal{O}(-1) & & \end{array}$$

where we have

$$t = x^4 y_1 + x^3 y_2^3 + y_2^2,$$

a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and

$$s' = y_2 + x^3 y_2^2,$$

a section of $\mathcal{O}(4)$. Also, y_1 is a section of $\mathcal{O}(2)$ and y_2 is a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$. To simplify notation let us call the sheaves of the above resolution \mathcal{F}_i so that we have

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow 0$$

Corresponding to a class in

$$C^0(U, \text{Hom}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C))$$

let x be the following generator of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0, \end{array}$$

where $s = 1 + x^3 y_2^2$. Define another generator y of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ -xs & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let us compute $x \star x =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -s & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let $J =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Note that $dJ =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and we have this important commutation relation, namely

$$J \star x + x \star J = 0.$$

For $p = 0, 1$ we set $K_p =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x^3 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (0 \ 0 \ 0) \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and compute $dK_{p-1} =: F_p$ to be

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -x^3 y_2^p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow (-x^3 y_2^p \ 0 \ 0) & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let us write down the last few relations that we need to compute the A_∞ -structure.

$$\begin{aligned} K_p \star x + x \star K_p &= F_p \\ K_j \star K_i &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, first we have

$$x \star x = dJ + F_1 = d(J + K_0)$$

$$im_2(x, x) = i(x \star x) + df_2(x, x)$$

and thus

$$im_2(x, x) = d(J + K_0) + df_2(x, x)$$

So that

$$m_2(x, x) = 0, \quad f_2(x, x) = -(J + K_0).$$

Using the next A_∞ -morphism relation we have

$$im_3(x, x, x) = f_2(x \otimes m_2(x, x)) - f_2(m_2(x, x) \otimes x) + x \star f_2(x, x) - f_2(x, x) \star x + df_2$$

But this is

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -x \star (J + K_0) - (J + K_0) \star x + df_3$$

or

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -F_0 + df_3.$$

This implies that $m_3(x, x, x) = -F_0$ and $f_3(x, x, x) = 0$ since F_0 is not exact. Notice that $x \star m_3(x, x, x) = x \star F_0 = F_0 \star x$ is

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & & & \downarrow x^3 & & & & & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 & & & & \end{array}$$

which generates $\text{Ext}^3(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$ so in the superpotential we have x^4 . It is easy to check that $y \star y \star y$ also generates $\text{Ext}^3(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$ so that in the superpotential we have a term of the type y^3 . All the higher products vanish. So the superpotential is

$$W = x^4 + y^3$$

3.5 The E_8 case.

The transition functions for the two affine charts (x, y_1, y_2) and (w, z_1, z_2) are now

$$z_1 = x^3 y_1 + x^2 y_2^4 + x^{-1} y_2^2 \quad (12)$$

$$z_2 = x^{-1} y_2 \quad (13)$$

$$w = x^{-1} \quad (14)$$

Proceeding as before we consider a resolution of \mathcal{O}_C , for example

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & \mathcal{O}(-7) & & \mathcal{O}(-3) & & \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ \mathcal{O}(-8) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -x^4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-2) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} x^4 & y_2 & 0 \\ s' & -y_1 & t \\ -1 & 0 & -y_2 \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O}(-1) & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & t \end{pmatrix}} & \mathcal{O} \\ & & \oplus & & \oplus & & \\ & & \mathcal{O}(-2) & & \mathcal{O}(-1) & & \end{array}$$

where we have defined

$$t = x^4 y_1 + x^3 y_2^4 + y_2^2,$$

considered as a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and

$$s' = y_2 + x^3 y_2^3,$$

considered as a section of $\mathcal{O}(4)$. Also y_1 is a section of $\mathcal{O}(2)$ and y_2 is a section of $\mathcal{O}(1)$. To simplify notation let us call the sheaves of the above resolution \mathcal{F}_i so that we have

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow 0$$

Corresponding to a class in

$$C^0(U, \text{Hom}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C))$$

let x be the following generator of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0, \end{array}$$

where $s = 1 + x^3 y_2^2$. Define another generator y of $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \\ -xs & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let us compute $x \star x =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -s \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -s & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Let $J =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

Note that $dJ =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and we have the important commutation relation, namely

$$J \star x + x \star J = 0.$$

For $p = 0, 1, 2$ we set $K_p =$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \\ & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x^3 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0 \end{array}$$

and compute $dK_{p-1} =: F_p$ to be

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & \mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_0 \\
& & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ -x^3 y_2^p & & \\ 0 & & \end{pmatrix} & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} -x^3 y_2^p & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & & \\
\mathcal{F}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_0
\end{array}$$

Let us write down the last few relations that we need to compute the A_∞ -structure.

$$K_p \star x + x \star K_p = F_p$$

$$K_j \star K_i = 0$$

Now, first we have

$$x \star x = dJ + F_2 = d(J + K_1)$$

$$im_2(x, x) = i(x \star x) + df_2(x, x)$$

and so

$$im_2(x, x) = d(J + K_1) + df_2(x, x)$$

So that

$$m_2(x, x) = 0, \quad f_2(x, x) = -(J + K_1).$$

Using the next A_∞ -morphism relation we have

$$im_3(x, x, x) = f_2(x \otimes m_2(x, x)) - f_2(m_2(x, x) \otimes x) + x \star f_2(x, x) - f_2(x, x) \star x + df_2$$

But this is

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -x \star (J + K_1) - (J + K_1) \star x + df_3$$

or

$$im_3(x, x, x) = -F_1 + df_3 = -dK_0 + df_3.$$

This implies that $m_3(x, x, x) = 0$ and $f_3(x, x, x) = K_0$. Proceedaing like before we find that $m_4(x, x, x, x) = F_0$ and all the higher products in x vanish. Since $x \star F_0$ generates $\text{Ext}^3(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$, in the superpotential we have a term x^5 . In a similar way we find a term y^3 so that finaly the superpotential is

$$W = x^5 + y^3.$$

4 Conclusions

In this short note we have derived superpotentials from D-branes wrapped on obstructed curves, finding a relationship to Landau-Ginzburg presentations of minimal models.

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